

Study Global Governance in Geneva



6 Credits – A World of Experience

3-Week Summer Intensive Program
June 22 to July 10, 2020*

* Last arrivals on June 21, earliest departures on July 11

Tuition: \$3048 (6 credits)

Housing: \$600 (3 weeks)

Application Deadline: Feb 28, 2020



Study in the operational hub of the world's multilateral system - Geneva, Switzerland

The Global Governance program is an innovative way to integrate learning with experience, through a 3-week immersive experience in Geneva, the home of multilateral affairs. Dedicated to the study of the major global issues, lectures will be coupled with visits to the primary institutions, agencies and other actors who are engaged daily in the governance and/or intervention to address contemporary global challenges (sustainable development, migration, human rights, etc.).

Learn about the multiple challenges of the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** as you interact with experienced practitioners in their fields. Gain direct exposure to the influential international environment of Geneva. Develop your critical analysis, leadership and global citizenship competencies.



Program Highlights



“This is a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to broaden their worldview as they learn and engage at the forefront of world affairs. We will visit with stakeholders who are working daily to address complex global challenges within various systems of international governance. Students will gain the added benefit of identifying the main competencies for possible future work in the international arenas.”

Prof. Joseph Marques - Lead Faculty

Schedule

A major feature of the program is the opportunity to engage with international practitioners and government officials at the UN, specialized agencies, NGOs, diplomatic missions, etc. The course program is composed of a minimum of 5 hours of daily instruction (Monday - Thursday), including 3 hours (2 classes of 1.5 hours) sessions dedicated to the theoretical overview of each global issue, integrated with visits (minimum 2 hours) to the main multilateral institutions and agencies in Geneva dealing with each specific global issue.

Objectives

Expected outcomes include a deeper understanding of the complexity of current global challenges and a greater ability to link local issues to global themes. This course will help students develop soft skills such as cross-cultural understanding, critical thinking, the ability to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and develop their own leadership qualities. Ultimately, we aim for this to be a meaningful experience which will help students relate complex global challenges to their own lives and to have a positive impact on students' appreciation of future career options in the international sphere.

Housing

Students will stay together in Webster University housing in center-city Geneva (Les Berges dormitory on the Rhone River), which has convenient access for the group's mobility both to the United Nations district of Geneva (institutions and actors in Genève Internationale) as well as university classrooms.

Group Activities

Geneva's cosmopolitan environment (integrated anglophone and francophone communities) makes it easy to navigate. Its convenient geographic location gives train access to the Swiss Alps and other major cities (Paris, Milan, Zurich). As an EasyJet hub, it also provides has inexpensive travel options (Barcelona, Rome, London, Amsterdam) for weekends or personal travel following the program. Organized social activities (group dinner, Swiss mountain hike, Lac Léman cruise, BBQ, etc) give options for students to connect and explore the region.



INTL 4600 International Relations Seminar: Global Governance

The course aims to provide an intensive introduction exposure to major global issues and the role of multilateral institutions such as the United Nations organization and its main specialized agencies, NGO's and Genève Internationale.

INTL 2610 Advocacy, NGOs, and Civil Society

Studies multilateral activities designed to promote economic, social, and technical progress. Examines international cooperation in such “nonpolitical” fields as trade, economic development, communications, health, humanitarian assistance, and environmental protection.

International Instructors with Diverse Backgrounds

Faculty and Program Director

Dr. Joseph Marques is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at Webster University. He holds a PhD from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies and has held visiting positions at the Centre for Latin American Studies at the University of Oxford and at King's College, London. He is a longtime resident of Geneva and has extensive experience and contacts with all major international organizations in Geneva in addition to a distinguished career in international banking with multiple international assignments.

The course will draw on additional members of Webster faculty and recognized experts in the Geneva area. All meetings at international organizations will be with senior international staff and there will be an opportunity to meet with diplomats and civil society (i.e. NGOs) leaders.

Program Themes	Related Organizations in Geneva*
Global Governance	UN Office in Geneva
Human Rights	OHCHR, Human Rights Council (in session in June)
International Trade	WTO
Migration & Refugees	IOM, UN High Commission for Refugees
Health Diplomacy	WHO, The Global Fund, UNAIDS
Development	UNCTAD, ILO
Humanitarian Affairs	ICRC, UNOCHA
Green Finance, Impact Investment & Philanthropy	World Economic Forum, Swiss Banks
Technology, Cyber & Innovation	WIPO, IUT

* sample organizations that may be visited in order to pair with course themes. This is not a complete nor final list.

Sample Weekly Schedule

Courses will run Monday to Thursday, with both morning and afternoon sessions. Timings will depend on host organizations' availability, but typical days will include morning lectures followed by afternoon site visits (or vice-versa).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday to Sunday
Morning Session	Two Classes (1.5hrs each)	Two Classes (1.5hrs each)	Visit to NGO or Multilateral Organization	Two Classes (1.5hrs each)	Free (for study time, optional group excursion(s) in Switzerland, or personal travel in the region)
Lunch	Free Choice	Group Lunch	Free Choice	Free Choice	
Afternoon Session	Visit to U.N. in Geneva	Visit to NGO or Multilateral Organization	Two Classes (1.5hrs each)	Visit to NGO or Multilateral Organization	
Evening	Free	Free	Evening Reception /Speaker	Free	



Experts in Study Abroad

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Discover for yourself why over 1,000 students have studied abroad at Webster University Geneva.

All the Support You'll Need

At Webster, we make it effortless and easy for students coming from another Webster University campus or from partner universities in the Webster International Network of Schools (WINS) program to study in Geneva.

Every year, Webster University Geneva — the Webster campus with the broadest diversity of nationalities — welcomes over 100 study abroad students from campuses in our network.

Our common curriculum offers academic equality across all Webster University campuses, and provides courses that count toward your major or core requirements. All of our campus locations also carry U.S. accreditation — so credits can be transferred back to your home university.

Webster University Geneva offers housing accommodation to study abroad students. Webster's Study Abroad team provides full support for the program application, student visa process, financial aid and housing reservations. With pre-departure and on-site orientations for how to take full advantage of your time in Switzerland!

The First Step

If you are interested in studying at Webster in Switzerland, your first step is to contact the appropriate Study Abroad office (either on your Webster home campus or for those in the WINS network, the Study Abroad office at our home campus for Webster University in St Louis).

For more information, visit webster.edu/globalgovernance

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